

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A system for transporting a first wind turbine tower section having a first length and a second wind turbine tower section having a second length, the system comprising:

a) a ~~railroad-car~~ movable transportation device having a first end, a middle section and a second end;

b) first pedestal means affixed to the deck of the first end of said ~~railroad-car~~ movable transportation device, said first pedestal means comprising a plurality of deck slot pedestals and a plurality of end stops;

c) second pedestal means affixed to the deck of the middle section of said ~~railroad-car~~ movable transportation device;

d) third pedestal means affixed to the deck of the second end of said ~~railroad-car~~ movable transportation device;

e) first bracket means connected to each end of the first tower section;

f) second bracket means connected to each end of the second tower section; and,

g) locking means to releasably connect said bracket means to said pedestal means.

2. (original) A system according to claim 1 wherein said first bracket means comprises a first bracket connected to the first end of the first tower section and a second bracket connected to the second end of the first tower section; and said second bracket means comprises a third bracket connected to the first end of the second tower section; and, a fourth bracket connected to the second end of the second tower section.

3. (original) A system according to claim 2 wherein said first pedestal means is spaced apart from said second pedestal means a distance so that when said first bracket is connected to said first pedestal means, said second bracket is located to cooperate with said second pedestal means.

4. (original) A system according to claim 2 wherein said first pedestal means is spaced apart from said second pedestal means a distance so that when said third bracket is connected to said first pedestal means, said fourth bracket is located to cooperate with said third pedestal means.

5. (original) A system according to claim 1 wherein said first pedestal means and said third pedestal means are constructed and arranged to cooperate with twist lock connectors.

6. (original) A system according to claim 5 wherein said first pedestal means and said third pedestal means are spaced apart from each other a distance sufficient so that two cargo containers can be coupled to each other and located between said first pedestal means and said third pedestal means with the corner members of a first end of said first cargo container located to cooperate with said first pedestal means and the corner members of a second end of said second cargo container located to cooperate with said third pedestal means.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Withdrawn)

9. (currently amended) A system for transporting wind turbine tower sections, the system comprising:

- a) a ~~railroad-car~~ movable transportation device having a first end and a second end;
- b) first deck slot pedestal means affixed to the floor of the first end of said ~~railroad-car~~ movable transportation device;
- c) second deck slot pedestal means affixed to the floor of said ~~railroad-car~~ movable transportation device and spaced apart from said first deck slot pedestal means;
- d) end stop means affixed to the floor of the first end of said ~~railroad-car~~ movable transportation device;
- e) a first tower bracket connected to said first deck slot pedestal means, said first tower bracket being constrained from lateral motion by said end stop means; and,
- f) a second tower bracket connected to said second deck slot pedestal means.

10. (original) A system according to claim 9 wherein said first deck slot pedestal means is connected to said first tower bracket by twist lock connectors.

11. (currently amended) The process for transporting a wind turbine on ~~railroad-car~~ a movable transportation device, the process comprising:

- a. partially disassembling the wind turbine into three types of components, nacelles, blades and tower sections;
- b. storing the blades in cargo containers suitable for use in multi-mode transportation;
- c. mounting the nacelles on transport structures; and,
- d. affixing brackets to the tower sections.

12. (New) A system for temporarily connecting a flange of a wind turbine tower section to a movable transportation device, said system comprising:

- a) a bracket designed and constructed to be temporarily connected to the flange of the wind turbine tower section;
- b) at least two pedestals connected to the movable transportation device; and,
- c) at least two locking members constructed and arranged to temporarily lock said bracket to said at least two pedestals.

13. (New) A system according to claim 12 wherein said bracket comprises a vertical member with a plurality of ports.

14. (New) A system according to claim 13 wherein said plurality of ports are located in said bracket so that when said vertical member is located adjacent to said flange at least two of said ports are aligned with bolt holes in said flange.

15. (New) A system according to claim 14 wherein at least two of said ports are elongated to permit connection with bolt holes in flanges of different sizes.

16. (New) A system according to claim 12 wherein said bracket comprises two coupling members constructed to cooperate with said two locking members.

17. (New) A system according to claim 16 wherein said bracket comprises a vertical member and said two coupling members are located one at each end of said vertical member.
18. (New) A system according to claim 12 wherein said bracket comprises a base plate to cooperate with a flat surface of the transportation device.
19. (New) A system according to claim 18 wherein the movable transportation device includes a flat surface, and said system further comprises at least two end stops affixed to the flat surface.
20. (New) A system according to claim 20 wherein said two end stops are spaced apart from each other and said base plate can be temporary located between said end stops so that said end stops constrain movement of said bracket.
21. (New) A transportation system for transporting a wind turbine tower section, the transportation system comprising:
 - a) a movable transportation device having a deck;
 - b) first type of mounting system affixed to the deck of said movable transportation device; and,
 - c) second type of mounting system affixed to the deck of said movable transportation device and spaced apart from said first type of mounting system, said second type of mounting system comprising four pedestals.
22. (New) A transportation system according to claim 21 wherein said first type of mounting system comprises two pedestals.
23. (New) A transportation system according to claim 22 wherein said first type of mounting system further comprises an end stop system.
24. (New) A transportation system according to claim 22 wherein said first type of mounting system further comprises a bracket which can be temporarily connected to a flange located at the first end of the wind turbine tower section.
25. (New) A transportation system according to claim 20 wherein:

- a) said first type of mounting system comprises two pedestals each having a slot having a first length;
- b) said second type of mounting system comprises four pedestals each having a slot having a second length, and
- c) said second length is longer than said first length.

26. (New) A transportation system according to claim 24 wherein said second type of mounting system comprises a bracket which can be temporarily connected to a flange located at the second end of the wind turbine tower section, and said second type of mounting system is located so that two of said pedestals comprising said second type of mounting system can be temporarily connected to said bracket while two of said pedestals comprising said second type of mounting system are not connected to said bracket.

27. (New) A transportation system according to claim 21 wherein said first type of mounting system is spaced apart from said second type of mounting a system at a distance so that a first type of wind turbine tower section having a first length can be temporarily connected between said first type of mounting system and a first set of pedestals of said second type of mounting system, and a second type of wind turbine tower section having a second length which is different from said first length can be temporarily connected between said first type of mounting system and a second set of pedestals of said second type of mounting system.

28. (New) A process according to claim 11 further comprising the step of affixing a plurality of pedestals to the movable transportation device.

29. (New) A process according to claim 28 further comprising the step of affixing a plurality of end stops to the movable transportation device.

30. (New) A process according to claim 28 further comprising the step of temporarily connecting the brackets to a plurality of said pedestals.

31. (New) A process according to claim 11 wherein the movable transportation device comprises a first railroad car and a second railroad car, and the process further comprises the step

of temporarily mounting the cargo container to the first railroad car so that the cargo container extends over the second railroad car while not being attached to the second railroad car.